

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to place the above-identified application in more proper format under United States practice.

By the present Preliminary Amendment Claims 10 and 11 are cancelled, and the claims have been amended to no longer recite any improper multiple dependencies.

An Abstract is also submitted herein.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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1-24-2002IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 10 and 11 (Cancelled).

Please amend the claims as follows:

--3. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 [or 2] including means for completing the forming of the aperture in the pipe following fixation of the fluid entry device to the pipe.

5. (Amended) A device as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1 including means attachable to the elongate handle for forming a thread within the aperture in the pipe to allow the fluid entry device to be affixed to the pipe.

9. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of claims 6, 7 or 8] claim 6, including the step of forming a thread within the aperture in the pipe to allow the fluid entry device to be affixed to the pipe.--

IN THE ABSTRACT

Abstract (New).